

Applicant: Gianfranco Guderzo
Application No.: 10/806,569

REMARKS

The Examiner requires that claims of either Group I (claims 1 – 11, 18 – 27, and 30), Group II (claims 12 – 17), or Group III (claims 28 and 29) be elected for prosecution. Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1 – 11, 18 – 27, and 30.

The Examiner further requires that a single Species from each of the following categories be elected for prosecution.

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| Category a | a1. Manual mode (claim 3, claim 14) |
| | a2. Automatic mode (claim 4, claim 15) |
| Category b | b1. Operable means are buttons (claim 20) |
| | b2. Operable means are levers (claim 21) |
| Category c | c1. Deraileur (claim 23) |
| | c2. Brake pad (claim 24) |

Applicant elects to prosecute Species a1, b2, and c1. Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 14, 16 – 19, 21 – 23, and 25 – 30 read on Species a1, b2, and c1.

The above amendment withdraws claims 4, 12-17, 20, 24, 28, and 29.


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These elections are made without prejudice to a future appeal of the Restriction Requirement. There is no serious burden to examine the application's claims because there are few claims and further because the embodiments should not require searches in disparate classifications.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this election in an interview, the undersigned invites a telephone conference at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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